

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on Monday, October 17, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, Present; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, Present; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Magistrate Conrad opened in prayer. Judge Link led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Bernard Mardis-Cable T.V.

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Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the October 03, 2005, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund and L.G.E.A. Fund for the month of October, 2005, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He asked if there were any questions about them.

Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-0413 thru 01-0481 in the amount of \$164,297.28 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-0147 thru 02-0161 in the amount of \$20,073.45 paid out of the Road Fund; Claims No. 03-0158 thru 03-0169 in the amount of \$8,547.33 paid out of the Jail Fund, and Claim No. 04-000002 in the amount of \$500.00 paid out of the L.G.E.A. Fund, for the month of October, 2005, along with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell L. Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for a second reading Ordinance No.17-2005-574 Repealing Certain Sections of the Administrative Code for Grant County, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption, if approved. They are as follows:

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 17-2005-574 Repealing Certain Sections of the Administrative Code for Grant County, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption, as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 18-2005-575 Adopting Personnel Policies for Employees of Grant County, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption, if approved. They are as follows:

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 18-2005-575 Adopting Personnel Policies for Employees of Grant County, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Canine Control Officer's Report for July thru September 2005.

No action is required. It is as follows: He also presented the County Treasurer's

Monthly Cash Position Report for September, 2005. No action is required. It is as follows: Magistrate Conrad commented on the CD's for the KARP Funds and said that is for money that we don't spend and that we will have to send back. Judge Link thanked her for reminding him and the public of this and said that these were funds that we have no intention of spending. He updated that these funds are to assist counties who have a cash flow problem in meeting their expenses in the beginning of a fiscal year, but that we don't have that problem. We just take the money and invest it and reap the benefits of the interest that we earn, but the funds do have to be sent back in January.

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Judge Link opened up discussion for the "Good of the County". He said that anyone could address the Court at this time. No one did. He updated on the first meeting held last week of the Project Development Board (PDB) who will provide oversight for the new Judicial Center. He said the meeting lasted about one and half hours with a room full of people who were interested in the Project. He has been named the Chairman of the Board and Judge Bates is Co-Chairman and will serve in his absence. He stated that there will be three Ads that will run in the local paper and the Lexington Herald Leader advertising for Request for Proposals for Architectural Services, Construction Management Services and Financial Advisory Services to help with the bonding for the Project. He said that they may not go with Construction Management Services and may go with a general contractor, but said proposals are to be in by 4:00 P.M. on November 22, 2005, and in December the PDB Board will go over them and, if necessary, will set up meetings to interview these firms and discuss their proposal. He said there is a lot of interest on where it will be built, and said according to law, it must be built in the county

seat and the City of Williamstown is the county seat, so Williamstown is where it will be built. They will be holding meetings in the future about different sites and will look at various locations and in the future will ask people in the area who want to give up their land to make a proposal to the Board and give their asking price for their land and will go over those also. He said that some want it built in the downtown area and that is where he favors building it also. Magistrate Austin also shared this view and stated it at the meeting, and the AOC seem to embrace that concept also. He said that we have an obligation to the community to build a \$14,000,000.00 building that we will be proud of and that will serve as an icon for a whole other century of people and we need to do that at the best location but also at the best price. He said that there will be a limitation in the budget as to how much we can spend on site acquisition and that will serve in part as somewhat of an issue or challenge to them as they go over the sites. He also updated on his meeting with the architects selected to design the National Cemetery. Work is under way and they hope to come up with a design late this year or early in 2006, and then they hope to put it out for bid in 2007. It will be under construction in 2007 and they hope to have it completed in 2008. It will be a National Shrine and a nine million dollar investment in this community and will likewise be one that everyone will be proud of and will be a reverent place where we will show the utmost respect for those who served our country, and Grant County will be very proud of that when it is completed. He also updated on the tour of the Williamstown Lake that was done today with all of the area County Judges, the Williamstown Lake Committee, City of Williamstown and other interested citizens, reporters and TV people. Reb Stacey and his wife graciously opened up their home to them, and the Williamstown Lake Committee, Greg Hicks and others,

used their boats and took them all out on the lake for a tour. They were able to see first hand what an economic engine that is down there and what a wonderful asset that is, not only to Grant County, but what it could be for Pendleton County and even Northern Kentucky and the Bluegrass Region as well, in regards to water supply. He feels that a monumental step was made today. They made a huge impression and got a lot of peoples attention, and so as we move forward it is very important that we persevere more than anything, stay with that project and not make any changes, just keep pressing on. We are making some good strides there and we will continue to do so. He thanked Richard Austin for all of his hard work in coordinating this for them and said he feels everyone was very impressed. He also updated on the upcoming Halloween in the Park that will be held on Saturday, October 29th at the Grant County Park beginning at 6:00 or 7:00 PM, and said this is for families to come out and have fun and get a lot of candy. He said that the Fitness Group will be doing “Mayberry” games beginning at 4:00 P.M. and this will get the kids out of their rooms and away from the front of the computers, and teach them to play games like kids did years ago in the “Mayberry” days. He asked all businesses and anyone wanting to come out and distribute candy to do so or to just bring the candy to someone else if they can not be there, and it will get distributed. There will also be a ghost trail, and we will fill them up with candy and if they are not worn out, we will scare them to death. Magistrate Conrad commented that she really appreciated getting the minutes by email which saves on postage and paper. Judge Link said that they are also put on the county’s Web site for everyone and are nicely maintained by Vanessa. Judge Link updated on some Road Projects the Road Department was working on, Salem Road, Huff Road and mentioned Epperson Road needed some work. He also updated on

a letter he received from Jim Brown regarding the good job they are doing on mowing county roads. He said the Road Department does a very good job. Magistrate Conrad said that the Dry Ridge Mt. Zion Road was a super job. Judge Link said that this illustrated what they are doing, they take their time. He said sometimes in order to get good quality work you have to take a little more time and do a good job and people seem to notice the good quality job the Road Department is doing. He appreciated the job they did today. He was very proud to be able to take 40 people out to the lake from Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati. The Editor of the Cincinnati Post was there, a Reporter for the Cincinnati Enquirer and many others, and he was very proud to drive them out to the lake and the roadsides, not only were they mowed but they were clean. There was no litter, no debris, and that is something that is desirable in other counties but yet we have it here. He commented that if you see some of those guys doing that just say "Thank You, Our Hats are off to you".

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Judge Link reminded Fiscal Court that the next Caucus meeting will be on Monday, October 31, 2005, at 5:30 P.M., and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, November 07, 2005, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Monday, November 07, 2005, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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